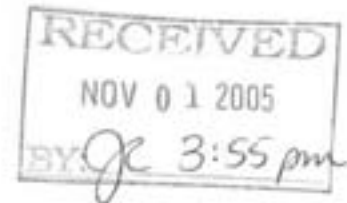


# APPENDIX R

**From:** <jabbottmd@mindspring.com>  
**To:** "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 10/28/2005 10:44:13 PM  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan



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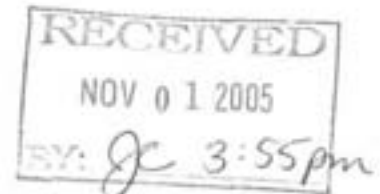
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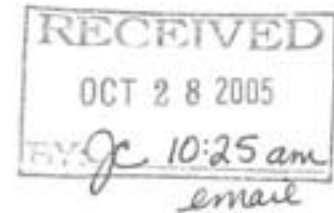
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**From:** Cam Allen [REDACTED]  
**To:** <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 9/27/2005 6:51:21 PM  
**Subject:** northern pike in Lake Davis

I don't think that you guys should worry about the Northern Pike  
Because People like myself and my Grandpa like to fish for them and  
Lake Davis is the closet lake to go fish for them.

tanks for your time



**From:** "Gabino Alonso" [REDACTED]  
**To:** <ipaulsen@dfg.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 9/14/2005 9:27:04 AM  
**Subject:** Eradication Program

Colleagues,

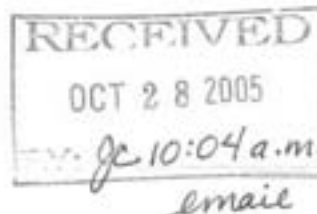
I just read the news release on your new plan to eradicate pike from Lake Davis. I think this is a good step. However, I believe it needs to go further. I would prefer you go overkill on this; drain the lake completely, treat the lake and tributaries for a year using multiple methods. I rather go overkill because I fear that the current plan might not be enough. I would also like to see the lake closed off for a few years to the public to monitor it and also implement a formal check in and check out procedure to those visiting it and fishing it.

I use to fish lake davis with my dad when I was a child and I have had lots of fond memories and I am looking forward to it going back to the way it use to be.

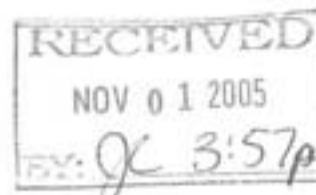
If I can be of any help or support with this effort, please let me know.

Regards,  
Gabino Alonso

**CC:** "Ryan Broddrick" <director@dfg.ca.gov>



From: Laurel Ames [REDACTED]  
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
Date: 10/30/2005 8:12:05 PM  
Subject: Scoping comments



Dear DFG, Scoping comments on the Lake Davis northern pike project are attached. Laurel Ames

October 30, 2005

To: California Department of Fish and Game

P.O. Box 1858

Portola, CA 96122

by fax 530-832-9706

Supervisor

Plumas National Forest

159 Lawrence Street

PO Box 11500

Quincy, CA 95971

by fax 530-283-7746

From: Laurel W. Ames



RE: Lake Davis Northern Pike - - Rotenone Poisoning Project

Dear Department of Fish and Game and Supervisor, Plumas National Forest

I understand that you intend to prepare a joint Environmental Document for the proposed eradication of pike in Lake Davis, Plumas County.

The following scoping comments are provided to indicate the necessary data that will be required for a comprehensive environmental report to meet the criteria of full disclosure:

- 1) The document must analyze the impacts of various poisoning strategies using aquatic pesticides, especially piscicides, and the toxicity of all of the inert ingredients in these materials that singly or together will impact other organisms in the lake besides fish, both native and non-native.
- 2) The analysis of the cumulative impacts of the use of toxic materials in the Lake Davis watershed on both fish and macroinvertebrates, from the headwaters to Lake Oroville for the past fifty years.
- 3) The disclosure of all fish eradication projects in the Lake Davis watershed over the past fifty years by date, including information for each project as to the length of stream reach, quantity of poison used, formulation of poison used, concentration of poison used, number of times the poisoning was repeated, and date of each poisoning project.




- 4) The disclosure of all analyses of impacts that have been undertaken on the headwaters, lake, and downstream reaches in regards to fish-eradication projects in various portions of the watershed.
- 5) An inventory of the current populations of each species and age classification and in relation to earliest studies of each species in the Lake Davis watershed
- 6) An analysis of the retention time in sediments of the headwaters, lake and downstream reaches to Lake Oroville of the Feather River of the pesticides, the name and quantity of inert ingredients of the pesticides, and the sources of these toxic substances in the sediments of the Lake Davis watershed. (Cf. Sacramento Bee, "Study finds pesticide effect in local creeks," October 30, 2005, pB1.)
- 7) An alternative that uses no poison to eradicate the pike, such as a complete drawdown of Lake Davis. This alternative will give the agencies and the public the clearest picture of the comparison of the use of poison on the environment to an alternative that does not introduce more poison into the Lake Davis watershed.
- 8) The complexities of poisoning Lake Davis to eradicate the pike are extensive. An EIR/EIS will be required to fully disclose the intricacies and serious environmental impacts of introducing poison into Lake Davis again.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact me at 530-541-5752, or at the address below.

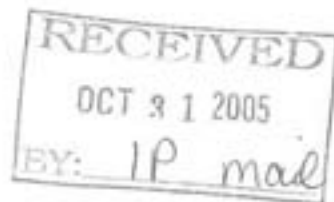
Please place me on your contact lists for mailing future documents on the subject of poisoning Lake Davis.

Very truly yours,

Laurel W. Ames



Director  
California Department of Fish & Game  
P.O. Box 1858  
Portola, CA 96122



10/26/05 Wed

1. What was done to destroy the Pike the last time was a 'cure' to wildlife! Why did you poison the entire Lake Davis and kill all lifeforms?
2. Now, you want to do the same process again. You are "Anti-Life" people! How can you live with yourselves?
3. The Pike Pike must have natural predators/enemies. Find a way to eliminate the Pike without harming the other fish and lifeforms that are sustained by Lake Davis Ecosystem/Ecosystems.
4. You cannot be pro-life and anti-life!
5. I am against "poisoning" Lake Davis!

Raymond V. Anderson

B. I didn't know we had so many "anti-life" people in our government agencies.

10/25/05 *RLC*  
**State seeks comment on pike poisoning**

**PORTOLA** - A proposal to use chemicals to eradicate northern pike in Lake Davis is nearing the end of the first phase of public input.

California Department of Fish and Game officials will accept comments on the plan to poison the Plumas County lake until Monday, when they will start preparing an environmental impact report.

The department's preferred alternative combines the use of liquid rotenone in the reservoir and upstream tributaries with the lowering of the lake to between 10,000 and 20,000 acre-feet, around 25 percent of its normal volume, said Steve Martarano, a department spokesman.

Two other options also involve the use of the chemical rotenone to kill the pike.

A fourth plan would drain Lake Davis and its tributaries, while the fifth alternative would continue the department's activities to control and contain the pike, a species native to the Midwest.

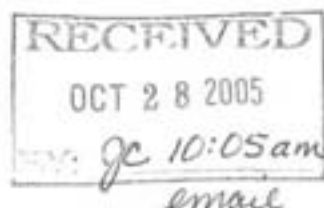
Instructions for submitting comments electronically are available at [www.dfg.ca.gov/northern-pike/comment.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/northern-pike/comment.html). Send mail submissions to the California Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 1858, Portola, CA 96122 or fax to (530) 832-9706.

- Jane Braxton Little

From: "Julie Ann" [REDACTED]  
To: <jpaulsen@dfg.ca.gov>  
Date: 9/15/2005 4:33:03 AM  
Subject: Northern Pike

Aren't there less costly or less invasive methods of dealing with these "voracious" fish? They live quite comfortably and well with all other species of fish in Minnesota: trout, walleye, large and smallmouth bass... yes, they eat these fish but that's what happens in every ocean and in each lake on this earth. One suggestion would be to spend precious budget dollars on beefing up the populations of other species you believe to be at risk; another would be to contact the MN Dept. of Natural Resources, where many studies have been conducted on how these exact species of fish can cohabit with others in the same water. A trip to Minnesota would be an eye opener since there are few lakes that do NOT have Northern Pike. It sounds like a colossal waste of time and money to try and eradicate the "pest" when it has already been proven (while remaining true even now) that they do not entirely kill off other species... Northerns (not pikes, as y'all call them) are game fish in the same class as walleye: they eat other species, so what? This is a perfect example of the uninformed making decisions based on poor information. Thank you for reading.

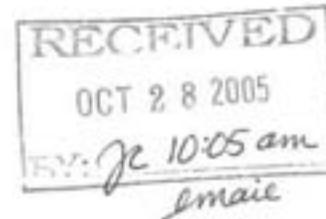
Julie



**From:** "Ayers, Rob" [REDACTED]  
**To:** <ipaulsen@dfg.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 9/14/2005 2:45:19 PM  
**Subject:** an email of support

After the latest failure, I thought we resigned to let the pike slowly infest all of our fisheries.

Good luck. I hope it works and the public accepts it!



**From:** "Bob Baiocchi" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Julie Cunningham" <jcunningham@dfg.ca.gov>, "Angie Dillingham" <adillingham@fs.fed.us>  
**Date:** 10/21/2005 3:37:51 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Davis - Scoping Comments - The Anglers Committee

October 21, 2005

Ms. Julie Cunningham, Staff

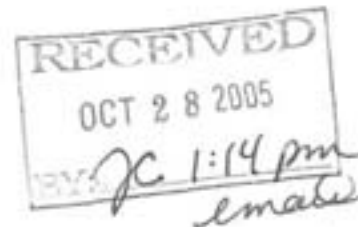
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Department of Fish and Game

Re: Eradication of Northern Pike At Lake Davis (aka Proposed Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project); Proposed Joint Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement; Scoping Comments by The Anglers Committee

Via E-Mail

Dear Ms. Cunningham:



Please be advised The Anglers Committee supports the treatment of Lake Davis to rid the lake of northern pike species. The majority of the members of the Anglers Committee, who live throughout Northern California, are fly fisher person that fish Lake Davis. We are also concerned about the effects to the anadromous fisheries in the Bay Delta and also resident trout fisheries resulting from northern pike migrating into the Middle Fork Feather, Feather River, and Sacramento River watersheds.

We are also concerned about the post-project conditions that may affect anglers and the planted trout after the lake is treated. We will review the mitigation measures contained in the draft EIR and EIS for post-project conditions and will submit comments to the Department and the Plumas National Forest.

Please forward a hard copy of the draft EIR to:

Bob Baiocchi



Thank you for the opportunity to submit scoping comments to the Department with a copy to the Plumas National Forest.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Baiocchi,           FOR

President

The Anglers Committee Board of Directors

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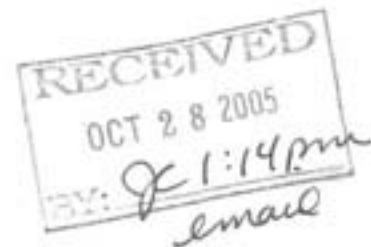
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cc: Ms. Angie Dillingham, District Ranger

Beckwourth Ranger District

Plumas National Forest

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Via E-Mail

The Anglers Committee, Directors

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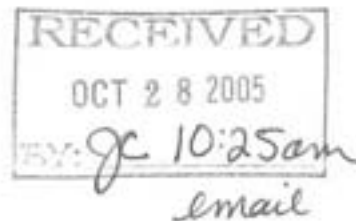
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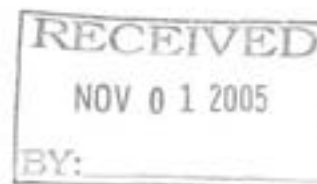
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Comment:

I called in to view point. My comment is somebody put those fish in the lake and will do it again. I fish the delta and want it protected but, killing the Pike will not end this. I wish you all good luck because, I thing the Judge is dreaming that somebody will not introduce these again. Please add we to any list you might have regarding news in the future.



**From:** Linda Blum [REDACTED]  
**To:** <jcunningham@dfg.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 10/31/2005 9:24:30 PM  
**Subject:** lake davis project



October 31, 2005  
Ms. Julie Cunningham  
California Department of Fish and Game  
Portola Field Office  
P.O. Box 1858  
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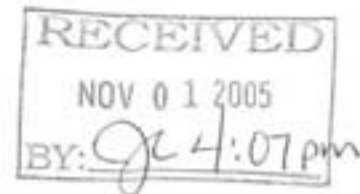
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CC: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>

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**To:** <jcunningham@dfg.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 10/31/2005 9:23:01 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project



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Thank you,  
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Sincerely,  
Linda Blum



Linda Blum  
[REDACTED]

*Email*

To  
09/28/2005 02:05 PM Angie Dillingham  
<adillingham@fs.fed.us>  
cc  
Sabrina Stadler  
<ssstadler@fs.fed.us>  
Subject  
Freeman & Lake Davis

Dear Angie,

I'm full of questions about the combined effects to soil, water, and wildlife from both the Lake Davis pike poisoning project and the Freeman project -- and the impacts to forest workers, as well. When the CDFG folks at Monday's public meeting said they didn't know yet how many and which tributaries to Lake Davis would also be poisoned, the number of questions in my mind exploded.

Also, I made a note in the QLG's August 25 meeting that one of the district's representatives said the Lake Davis rotenone program is expected to need to treat tributary streams several times.

The logistics involved boggle the mind, but before I get all worked up about potential impacts and conflicts between HFQLG and CDFG projects, I thought I should make some inquiries of what resource analyses already exist that might help me understand the tributary treatment

part of the Lake Davis project. I would appreciate whatever information you can make available to me while both projects' scoping periods are running, as well, so that I can make informed and, hopefully, constructive comments about each.

How do you anticipate the timing of the Freeman and the rotenone projects will proceed? Will LOPs and public closures in 2007 and/or 2008 make it infeasible to implement parts or all of the Freeman project? Will road decommissionings have to be delayed or dropped due to the rotenone program?

Have all fish-bearing streams in the Freeman project area been mapped and surveyed by now? Do only those stream reaches capable of supporting fish comprise the extent of the rotenone treatment areas? If the streams have been mapped, could I please see a copy of the map?

Have all amphibian and sensitive plant surveys been completed for the Freeman project? Is there any overlap between TES occurrences and/or habitats and the access and/or treatment points for the rotenone applications?

Will CDFG want vehicular access to the streams in order to apply the treatments? At what places? How much RHCA disturbance are we talking about at each site and cumulatively? How many access points will lie in aspen groves? in Freeman aspen treatment units? In meadows or other open areas?

How do rotenone application locations and the bald eagle, osprey, and great grey owl territories overlap?

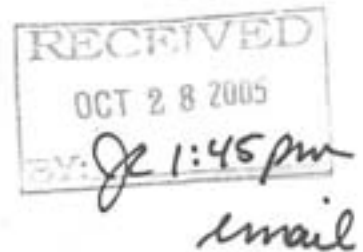
How many rotenone treatments will CDFG want to do on each stream segment? How long duration will each one be? How far apart in time will each treatment be? Will the entire Freeman project area be closed to everyone, including loggers and service contractors, during those tributary treatment periods?

I realize that neither you nor CDFG have the answers to these questions today, but I want to get started at asking them, and would like whatever answers you can provide.

As you heard me state in Monday's public meeting, on the wildlife side of things I'm expecting terrestrial species to be affected by the rotenone project indirectly, by their scavenging on the poisoned carcasses of aquatic organisms, as well as by overall reduced food supplies for several years after the poisonings. If there are any chemicals that bio-accumulate, scavenging species -- which in winter and early spring would include every species present and active -- could be potentially affected chronically and long-term.

See? the questions just keep coming. Should we have a scoping-period office visit to discuss some of my questions? I am relatively free for 6 of the next ten business days. Please give me a call or email reply if you'd like me to come out to Mohawk to talk.

Thanks,  
Linda Blum



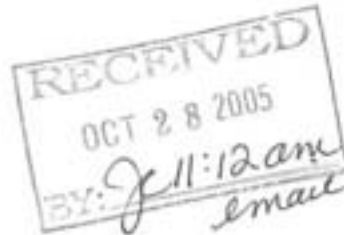


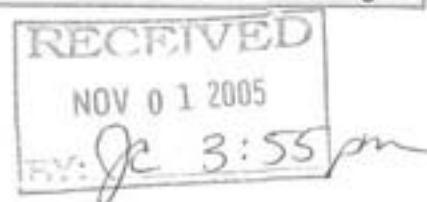
**From:** "Valerie Bowlby" [REDACTED]  
**To:** <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 10/27/2005 12:49:33 PM  
**Subject:** pike in L. Davis

Gentlemen,

Please make the hard decision and do the job right. Get rid of all the pike in L. Davis right away! In the long run, that is what absolutely must be done! Don't cave to local pressures. You have the river systems of the entire State that is your responsibility. Do it right and do it now.

Valerie Bowlby  
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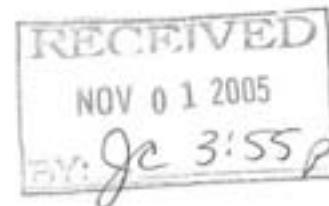




**From:** "Lynn Boyer" [REDACTED]  
**To:** <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 10/29/2005 12:18:35 PM  
**Subject:** Pike in L/D

Lynn ,Jr.I says contain them, with all the money D/F/G has spent already ,there is no doubt a bearier could have been built. Save them and let people fish the lake. We fish them in the mid-west and they are fun and good eating. Trying to eradicate them is a loosing proposition and as smart as all the wheels at F/G are they should know this by now. U will never get rid of them unless U drain the lake and never refill it. My comments, Thank U Lynn L. Boyer [REDACTED]

**From:** "Ed & Sarah Bruno" [REDACTED]  
**To:** <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 10/29/2005 11:50:12 AM  
**Subject:** Pike eradication in Lake Davis and its tributaries



To California Department of Fish and Game

The existence of Northern Pike in tributary impoundments of the Pacific drainage of California is an immediate and obvious threat to salmonid and other native fish populations. The political uproar that surrounded the previous attempt at their eradication in Lake Davis cannot be allowed to stop or slow the obvious action needed to eliminate this serious threat to the economic and recreational gifts belonging to all Californians. The attempts at control that followed the re-establishment of the pike have been money wasted.

Delay is simply irresponsible. The consequences of further delay are potentially so serious that it is unimaginable that aggressive action was not taken immediately after discovery of Pike following the first attempt.

Dr. Edward C. Bruno  
[REDACTED]

**From:** "Ray Bryant" [REDACTED]  
**To:** <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 9/15/2005 3:32:14 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Davie

Greetings

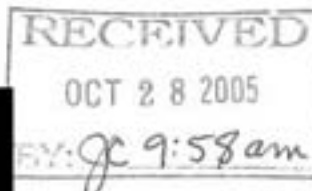
I am a resident of Blairsden, Plumas County. I fish at Lake Davis.

It is extremely disappointing that the Northern Pike cannot be killed with poison as was accomplished at neighboring Frenchman Lake.

I endorse the program recommend by the DFG. My only objection is the long delay factor and the endless Mickey Mouse hoops you have to jump through. I have always felt that the first poisoning would have worked if it had been done earlier in the Fall but this delay was the fault of the Chicken Little Syndrome in Portola. One other criticism was the endless amount of money spent on dynamiting and electric shocking that any fifth grade mathematics student could have foretold the failures

Get on with the program as an emergency which it certainly will be if those Pike escape the confines of Lake Davis. You have flirted with disaster all too long and the time bomb is ticking. Quite being nice and appeasing and get moving before you destroy a great fishery. Get scared, as you should be, and panic slashing the red tape while you still have a chance.

F. Ray Bryant



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From: [REDACTED]  
To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
Date: 10/20/2005 7:57:57 AM  
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

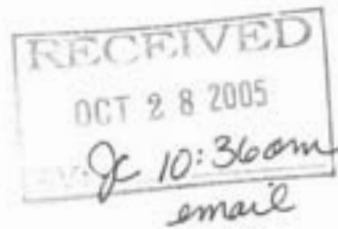
Citizen: Albert Carlson  
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Comment:

I feel that the Dept. Of Fish & Game must do what it takes to rid this state of any unwanted species. Don't let a few people in that community influence what impacts many more people and protect native species. Lets face it someone in that community knows who put pike there and they aren't talking. The majority must rule. Fish & Game should not have had to pay these people off before. If the pike eliminate the trout there, then they will be complaining that you didn't protect the trout.



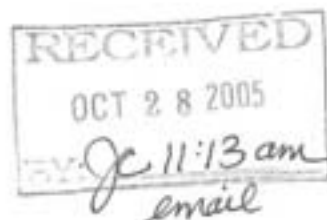
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Date: 10/27/2005 11:02:39 PM  
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

Citizen: Colin Carr-Hall  
[REDACTED]

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Comment:

The Pike really must go. I fish lake Davis and lodge in Portola. If the Pike continue I'll reluctantly have to find a new favorite lake. Davis can be an incredible fishery once the pike are eradicated, they must go by whatever means will completely eliminate them.



From: [REDACTED]  
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
Date: 9/14/2005 6:49:31 PM  
Subject: Poisoning Alternatives & Options.....?

I'd like to offer an alternative to DGF against poisoning Lake Davis in an attempt to eradicate Pike. I used to live in Northeastern Ohio and we would regularly travel up to the Great Lakes for a day of fishing.

We fished Lake Erie and the surrounding waterways for years where hooking and landing a Pike was and still is considered a trophy catch, although most catches were Sheepshead in those waters. Pike are great eating if cooked correctly, the meat is thick, white and can be filleted with ease to avoid bones.

Anyway, my idea is for DGF to entice fishermen from all over the state to come to Lake Davis to literally fish Pike out of the waters.

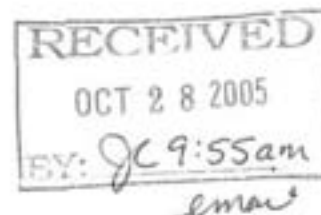
Whether it be a Trophy Pike Tournament, like Rio Vista's Annual Bass Derby, or a per fish cash bounty paid to each angler for Pike of any size, with larger breeding females accounting for top money, events such as this can be organized and would be appreciated by community business owners, due to the revenue generated, over poisoning. I think that this idea would be cheaper than the lawsuits from irate Davis residents, and more angler friendly for DFG.

Personally I prefer fishing for Striped Bass or Sturgeon, but do enjoy an outing for Bluegill or Crappie occasionally. Please consider increasing the number of Stripers by spawning them at hatcheries. Nearly everyone I know, and many people I meet while fishing, prefers catching Striper over a Salmon or Trout any day of the week.

Salmon & Trout may be native to Northern California, but many game fish either increase their numbers or die out over time. I believe California spends too much time and money facilitating environments for these two species.

"Fish On"..... please consider my proposals.....

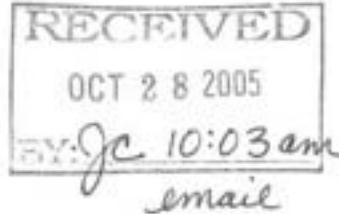
Steve Clark  
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From: LARRY COOPER [REDACTED]  
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
Date: 9/19/2005 11:18:51 AM  
Subject: LAKE DAVIS

DEAR SIRs,  
INSTEAD OF POISENING THE LAKE WHY CAN'T YOU SCREEN THE INLETS AND OUT FLOW,  
THEN DRAIN THE LAKE COMPLETELY AND LET IT SIT OVER THE WINTER ALLOWING IT TO FILL  
THE FOLLOWING SPRING? SEEM LESS COSTLY, LESS INVASIVE, AND MUCH MORE  
COMPLETE.

LARRY COOPER  
[REDACTED]





**From:** Jeanne Dansby [REDACTED]  
**To:** <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 9/29/2005 2:30:40 PM  
**Subject:** Remarks on Lake Davis poisoning initiative

The DFG mishandled the first poisoning of Lake Davis in 1997. The entire nasty process created a lot of hard feelings along the way. But since then the DFG has worked hard to rectify those hard feelings and work with the people of eastern Plumas County in its effort to control the northern pike. They are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to the people, the environment, and to due process.

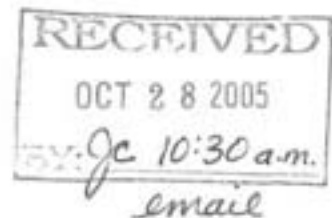
But we have to remember the DFG has run fast and loose with our ecology just as private citizens have done for as long as there has been migration. Many of the plants and animals we consider indigenous to the state are indeed transplants, brought with a dream of wealth or as a connection to the homeland. The eucalyptus, a transplant from Australia, was largely responsible for the billions of dollars in damage incurred in the Oakland fire storms. Paiute cutthroat trout in Alpine County are facing extinction due to a shrinking environment and past planting of rainbow trout by DFG officials. Our mountains, our meadows and forests, our rivers, and our lakes are not static things. They are all in a constant state of change, evolving and adapting to internal and external forces every day. And we must acknowledge that, no matter how hard we try to make amends, the changes we have wrought are permanent and lasting.

No matter how the pike got into the lake, their presence is a profound one in the ecosystem of Lake Davis. But then again, Lake Davis itself made a profound and permanent change to Grizzly Creek when it was built to be a portion of the massive California Aqueduct, which in itself made a profound and permanent change to the entire state. Mankind has put his mark on the planet and must now learn to live within the ecosystem he has created. To think that a second poisoning would result in a complete kill is folly. The only way poisoning the lake will work is if it is done repeatedly over the course of several seasons, over the course of years. And while that happens, the community struggles with a damaged economy, lost recreation, and endless delays to the reinstatement of Lake Davis as a domestic water supply.

One of the things I learned from the last experience: big brother will do what big brother will do. We can rail and scream, file injunctions and carry signs, but the project will go on. At this point we can only ask that the process be done correctly, with the Department of Health Services as the lead agency per the legislation passed in 1997. We may not be using it now, but Lake Davis is still designated a domestic water supply and must be protected as such.

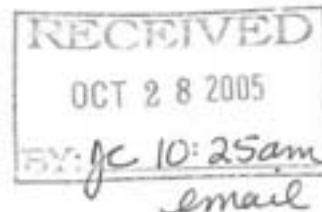
I can still dream, and I can hope and pray that the DFG figures out a way to co-exist with the pike and stop draining the state's resources. It's sad to think what could have been had all the money that's been thrown at this issue gone instead to our children's education.

Respectfully,  
Jeanne Rowden Dansby  
[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]  
To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
Date: 9/27/2005 7:07:46 PM  
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

Citizen: Richard Dickerson  
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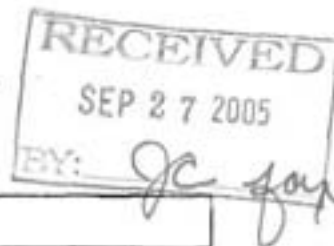


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Comment:

The same pike eradication that worked at Frenchman Reservoir will work at Davis Lake. Draw down Davis to minimum pool and rotenon the lake. Barriers above and below the lake will be needed. Also, the timing is critical for water temperature for the poison.

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Name:	<i>Don: Paula Dilliver</i>
Mailing Address:	[REDACTED]
Telephone No. ( )	[REDACTED]
Email (optional):	[REDACTED]

Comments/Issues/Alternatives:

*my well on my property at 7302 Canyon Way is 335' deep. How will the poison affect these wells if used in our area.*

*Please use additional sheets if necessary.*

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Name:	MARLETTA TRUM	* we own property of
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Email (optional):		

## Comments/Issues/Alternatives:

~~Why can't you introduce a b~~

Can you introduce a (larger?) predator fish to feed on pike <sup>(or small fish)</sup> - or other smaller fish so pike will starve due to competition? - then you will have bigger (ie easier) fish to catch to clear the lake of non-natives - then you could leave it dormant for awhile to make sure it was successful + then transplant natives again?

Or how about a big PIKE fishing tournament - no limit - with big prizes for most, longest, heaviest, etc? (could be weekly tournaments all summer long!!)

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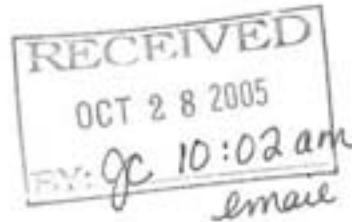
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To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
Date: 9/19/2005 9:23:54 AM  
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

Citizen: Michelle DuBois  
[REDACTED]

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Comment:

We bought a lot near Lake Davis about a year ago, this "Pike" issue has affected our being able, or LACK of being able to build. Now we are paying for a well that we can't use? I hope that someone considers what this is REALLY impacting, and how it affects the future of Portola. We would love to call Portola our home in the future, but it scares me that such issues to deal w/ the Pike may end up leaving an empty lake and destroying people's dreams of enjoying the quality of life in the Portola area.

From: [REDACTED]  
To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
Date: 10/28/2005 9:13:11 AM  
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

Citizen: Richard Dunn

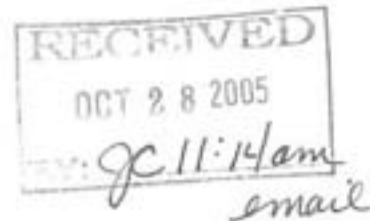


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Comment:

I would like the California Dept. of Fish and Game to demonstrate some leadership and courage in dealing with the on-going problem of northern pike in Lake Davis. Northern pike in our river systems would prove to be a major problem for species such as salmon and trout as well as a number of native fish. The longer these fish are allowed to exist in Lake Davis, the more likely they will spread and infect other areas of our state. The poisoning of lakes goes on throughout the United States and has been done numerous times in California. Please use good scientific data, stop listening to the emotional, unscientific and ridiculous cries of the uninformed, fringe whackos that are so common in our state. Show some leadership, be decisive, lay out a plan that will kill this non-native and intrusive species, and carry it out. It's time you guys take a stand and do what is right for our lakes and rivers. Let the flower people scream and yell and do what needs to be done.

Richard Dunn



From: [REDACTED]  
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
Date: 9/26/2005 6:26:29 PM  
Subject: RE: LAKE DAVIS SUGGESTION

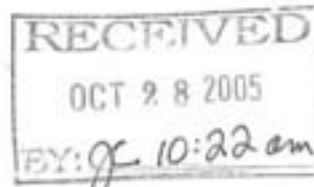
I am a concerned resident of California, born and raised in Sacramento. I do not feel that poison or "blowing up the fish" is a really great idea.

I propose fishing derbies with bounties on the pike. As we all know, humans can cause a population of fish to be "fished out". Setting dollar amounts on the size and sex of the pike could be no more expensive than the methods previously used. It would also cause an influx of business to the residents of Lake Davis. Thus it sounds like a win-win situation to me.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion. It would be greatly appreciated if this suggestion could be raised to the residents to vote on instead of the aforementioned alternatives.

Thank You;

Diana Lynn Eastep  
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To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>  
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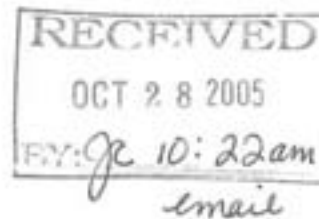
Citizen: Diana Eastep



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Comment:

Please consider having fishing derbies with a bounty on the size and sex of the pike. It would bring good business to Lake Davis and is a much safer alternative than poison or dynamite. It does not seem that it would cost anymore money for derbies than what has already been spent and proven unsuccessful.





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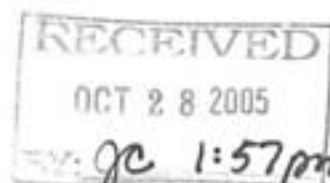
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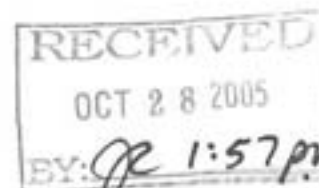
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and  
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From: Nancy A. Erman

*Nancy A. Erman*



Re: Scoping comments/ Lake Davis/ Rotenone poisoning/ Northern Pike

Electronic filing of comments was unavailable at the CDFG website (contrary to article in Sacramento Bee, October 25, 2005, by Jane Braxton Little). "Contact Us" link on homepage was also unavailable at website. These comments sent by FAX. Hard copy to follow.

A joint EIR/EIS should be prepared for the proposed rotenone poisoning of Lake Davis by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and the USDA Forest Service (Forest Service).

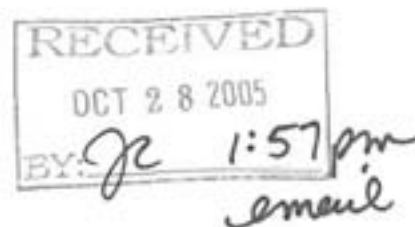
Please send me a copy, at the above address, of the draft EIR and / or EIR/EIS when it is completed.

The document should include the following:

- A detailed map showing all water bodies to be poisoned including in addition to Lake Davis, all streams and springs.
- A complete history of past poisoning efforts in Lake Davis and other affected water bodies poisoned as part of this effort.

- A complete review of all published studies showing impacts to non-target species by the use of rotenone formulations in aquatic habitats, including impacts to invertebrates as well as vertebrates.
- A complete review of all other studies done in California by the CDFG or Forest Service, published or unpublished, that show impacts to non-target species from the use of rotenone formulations.
- A complete inventory of all species in the water bodies to be poisoned including all species in streams and springs.
- An assessment of the relative risk to native salmon from northern pike (a non-native, voracious predator opposed by the CDFG) versus the relative risk to native salmon from striped bass (a non-native, voracious predator supported by the CDFG).
- Specific steps to be taken for a detailed educational program to teach the public about the problems of releasing non-native species into the environment including how the CDFG will re-educate itself to prevent problems of non-native species.
- A complete assessment of indirect impacts on non-target species, both aquatic and terrestrial, from the loss of the food sources of fish, amphibians, and invertebrates from this poisoning project, i.e., impacts to the food web.
- An assessment of the transfer and persistence of all chemicals in the rotenone formulation through the food web.
- Explicit information on how the dead fish will be dealt with.
- A complete assessment of the cumulative effects, particularly to non-target species, over the past 50-60 years of poisoning aquatic habitats in the Plumas National Forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project. I will look forward to receiving and reviewing the EIR.



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**Comments/Issues/Alternatives:** after the 6:30pm 9/26 Scoping meeting, when I was working with Jennifer on my final statement, I do not remember if "supporting the businesses that require help," was in #2 spot. I'm not sure. I did not make the following questions public as it had been stated no poison had yet been decided upon. Here are some of the questions I will have at the time you are choosing the poison: 1. what is different about the poison from Nusyn Norfish/Bronoxfish this time around? 2. what are the inert ingredients? (I appreciate your statement about having someone "fingerprint" the inerts.) 3. when will we see the label? 4. We know Nusyn Norfish was sold to another company. Is the poison chosen Nusyn Norfish under a different label? My concern is for the people, wildlife and birds who may drink the water. I'm sure you will have the Dept of Health Services Test, however, no one can guarantee new testing methods will not turn up future problems for generations. Please take the safe route. No poison.

Please use additional sheets if necessary.

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Comments/Issues/Alternatives: DO NOT attempt to outsmart Portola. Keep the community involved along with keeping an open mind. Regardless of the stereotype of a "hick", Portola consists of extremely intelligent people; you cannot blind side us this time. Hold more workshops. Thank you.

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